Japanese funding fur NTPC and MRTSP

3141. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between India and Japan in which Rs. 2,040 crore soft loan will be provided to India by Japan;

(b) if so, whether this loan will be utilised by India for power plants of NTPC and Mass Rapid Transport System Projects; and

(c) if so, the other projects on which Japan has agreed to provide help and assistance to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Japan has also agreed to extend the JBIC loan for the following two ongoing time slice projects:

(i) Simhadri and Vizag Transmission : (Rs. 234.5 crores approx.) System Project—2nd tranche

(ii) West Bengal Transmission System : (Rs. 114.6 crores approx.) Project—2nd tranche

Janraksha Insurance for rural people

3142. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Janraksha Insurance to cover health aspects of rural people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any similar insurance scheme is under consideration for urban population covering both indoor and outdoor treatment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?